(c) whether it is also a fact that Burn Intensive Care Unit of Safdarjung Hospital is in dilapidated condition and has broken and obsolete machinery; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard by Government to upgrade the ward with modern machinery and equipment?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, burn patients with extensive raw area are prone to colonisation of bacteria rather than infection. Usually, patients with more than 80 per cent of body surface area burn develop endogenous infection. The total number of such patients during the last one year is 564 out of approximately 7000 attendance.

Air and Wall Cultures for bacterial growth of Burns Ward are undertaken regularly. In case, any bacterial growth is noticed, fumigation is performed.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Burns Intensive Care Unit has been renovated recently and is equipped with modern required equipments which are in working order.

Spread of TB

776. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "WHO warm of killer TB's spread", which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated 31st October, 2001;

(b) whether World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned that tuberculosis is spreading at an alarming rate in countries alongwith the common border of Afghanistan and Pakistan;

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard; and

(d) the number of cases of TB as reported in the country during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government is committed to expand its efforts for T.B. control in India. To achieve a success rate of 85% of new sputum positive cases and to

detect at least 70% of such cases. Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP), using WHO recommended DOTS strategy, is being implemented in the country in a phased manner. Coverage has increased from about 20 million in end 1998 to about 440 million population at present. It is envisaged to cover 500 million population by 2002 and 800 million population by 2004. The project Districts have reported a cure rate of about 80% which means that 8 out of every 10 patients diagnosed and put on treatment under the revised strategy are successfully treated as against 4 out of 10 in the conventional programme.

(d) About 5.80 lac TB cases have been reported under the National TB Control Programme during the last six months.

Raid on Bhagirath Place Drug Market

777. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent raid by the Government of N.C.T. of Delhi more than 90 per cent of the medicines at Bhagirath Place, Delhi which is North India's largest wholesale drug market, have been found to be spurious;

(b) if so, the names of the companies whose drugs have been found spurious;

(c) the action Government have taken against them; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to check sale of spurious drugs?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) There was a news report to this effect which appeared in the print media on 25th October, 2001. As per the feedback available from the Drugs Control Administration, Govt. of NCT Delhi, the number of samples reported in the news items to be spurious were actually the unclaimed drugs recovered from unlicensed godowns in an isolated case. Thus this figures does not represent either the Bhagirath Place Market or Delhi.

(b) As per the feedback available from the Drugs Control Administration, Government of NCT Delhi a statement indicating the name of companies whose